



Communication Guidelines

General Guidelines for Communicating with Missionaries-

We encourage periodic communication with our missionaries as a means of showing them encouragement and support. However there are a few important considerations to keep in mind concerning content and frequency of communication.

1. Keep in mind that “being a missionary” is their full-time job. Ministry, family, and other obligations can often mean replies are sporadic or shorter than expected. Be sensitive to their schedule and demands.
2. Be encouraging. The main purpose for communicating with our missionaries is to provide encouragement and support for them and the work that they do, whether it be through words or prayer.

Guidelines for Communicating with Missionaries in Sensitive Areas-

Although we want to encourage our missionaries through contact and communication, we do not want to jeopardize the safety and ministry of any workers, especially those in certain Asian or Middle Eastern countries. If you are unsure whether the missionary you wish to contact is considered sensitive, please email Shayna Winn at swinn@metbiblechurch.ca for further explanation before making any contact. *Always err on the side of caution.*

When contacting Missionaries in sensitive areas:

1. Refrain, under any circumstance, from using the word “missionary”.
2. Do not mention “Christian” or Christian organizations.
3. Ensure you do not place the missionaries’ names, locations, addresses, or any personal details online in any form (this includes but is not limited to email, facebook, blogs, twitter).
4. Be sensitive to the area’s religious or political beliefs in all communication.
5. Replace “Christian” terms with the following:

Instead of...	Say...	Instead of...	Say...
God	Father, Him	Church	Family, community
Jesus	Son	Missionary	Worker
Holy Spirit	spirit	Missions, evangelism	Work, activity
Bible	Word, book	Witnessing	Sharing, talking
Christian	Brother, sister, believer	Prayer	Thinking of them
Conversation, salvation	Change of heart	Pastor	Community leader